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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION AND ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION
ENCINA ROAD - 250 FEET WEST OF MUERDAGO ROAD
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FERNWOOD
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the project to construct a retaining wall and reconstruct roadway pavement on Encina Road - 250 feet west of Muerdago Road in the unincorporated community of Fernwood, find the project statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the plans and specifications, and call for bids.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that this project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Encina Road 250 Feet west of Muerdago Road, in the unincorporated community of Fernwood, at an estimated cost between \$310,000 and \$365,000.
- 3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on July 12, 2011, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board, to adopt the plans and specifications, advertise for bids for the construction of a retaining wall and roadway pavement damaged during the 2004-05 winter storm disaster, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing a safe and improved roadway for community residents and the traveling public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$310,000 to \$365,000. The project cost will be financed with State Proposition 1B Transportation Bond funds under the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006. This project is included in the Third Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the construction of a retaining wall and the reconstruction of roadway pavement, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing highway construction and maintenance program. This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated the work will start in January 2012 and be completed in March 2012.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract

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termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is in a disaster-stricken area in which the Governor declared a state of emergency and is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b) (3) of the Public Resources Code.

This exemption provides for the repair of public works facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of the 2004-05 winter storm disaster.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved highway facilities for the community residents and visitors.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction

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Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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